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**Sent:** 1/12/2018 1:51:24 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Brian [kelly.brian@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Closure of EPA Large Lakes Research Station in Grosse Ile, MI Office

Thanks Brian. I will look into more on this. Great to meet u!  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 11, 2018, at 3:10 PM, Kelly, Brian <kelly.brian@epa.gov> wrote:

Administrator Stepp,

It was very nice meeting with you and I really appreciate your vision and belief in environmental protection. Also, thank you for discussing my concern over the pending close of our office in Grosse Ile, Michigan.

The office houses staff from the Superfund Emergency Response Section; Criminal Investigation Division; Great Lakes National Program Office; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and support contractors.

The current office is ideally situated for responding to our busiest area - Metro Detroit, it has an active and equipped EOC, it is secure, and it is EPA owned.

I hope the Region takes an opportunity to re-evaluate the planned move to Ann Arbor, where staff will be placed in a windowless warehouse, the EOC will be eliminated, and the location is outside the Metro Detroit area.

Sincerely,

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